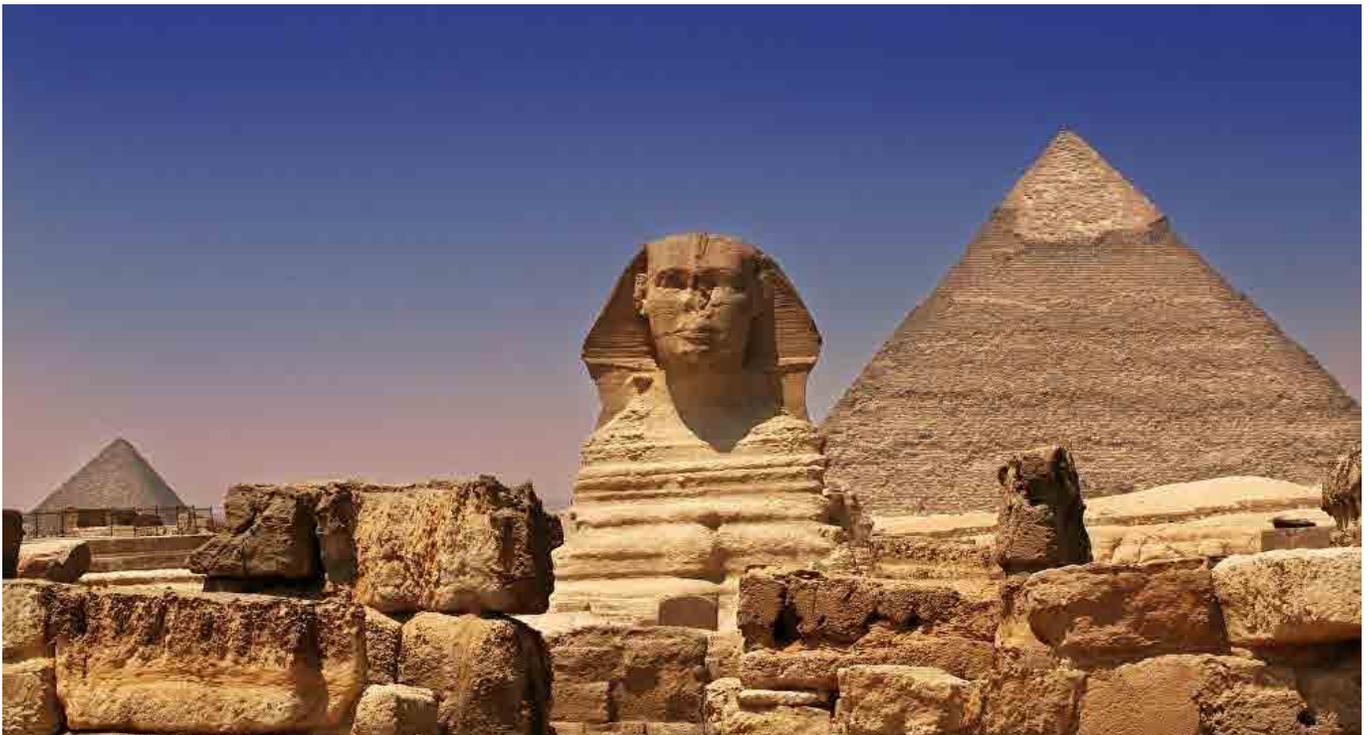




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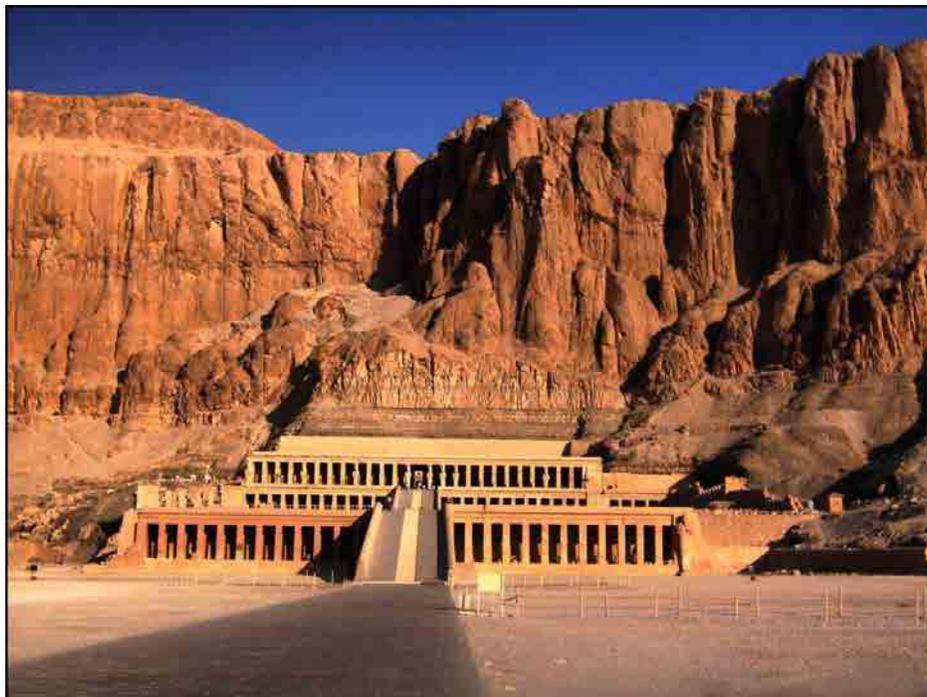


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Boutique Hotels of Egypt

8 Days Package of Cairo & Fayoum Oases (The Venice of Egypt)

Day by day itinerary

Day 01: Arrival Cairo

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Day 02: Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara (B, L)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel in Cairo then start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders **the great Pyramids of Giza;** (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. **The Cheops Pyramid** is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the **Great Sphinx** of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.



Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start afternoon visit to the ancient capital of Memphis & Sakkara where the **Step Pyramid** was built for the Pharaoh Zoser, is the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back from 2700 BC.



Drive to your hotel in Cairo for refreshment.

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour to visit the spectacular sound & light show by the pyramids or enjoy dinner while cruise the Nile or enjoy dinner in Sequoia restaurant by the Nile

Overnight in Cairo



Day 03: Museum, Citadel, Khan El Khalili Bazaars

(B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel, then drive to the Egyptian Museum for unforgettable tour;

Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120,000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor houses small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also comprises of a photography section and large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.



Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start afternoon visit to the **Citadel with the towering mosque of Mohamed Ali;**

It is one of Cairo's most popular tourist attractions is the Citadel which houses a number of museums, ancient mosques and other sites, located on a spur of limestone that had been detached from its parent Moqattam Hills by quarrying. The Citadel is one of the world's greatest monuments to medieval warfare, as well as a highly visible landmark on Cairo's eastern skyline. Particularly when viewed from the back side (from the north), the Citadel reveals a very medieval character.

After the visit a short drive will take you to the most famous bazaars of **Khan El Khalili** whereby you have some free time to stroll around the **bazaars;** which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. Drive to your hotel in Cairo



Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour to visit the spectacular sound & light show by the pyramids or enjoy dinner while cruise the Nile or enjoy dinner in Sequoia restaurant by the Nile

Day 04 – 8: Fayoum

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel in Cairo, then escorted transfer to Fayoum (about 90 minutes' drive). Upon arrival, your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in.

Overnight at Lazib Inn Resort & Spa at Luxury Suites.

Free at leisure to enjoy the hotel amenities or enjoy some of the short list of activities:





Activities:

Spa

Delight your senses and soothe your soul with our state-of-art spa facilities. A full-service spa, equipped with a lavish, all marble Turkish hamam, private gym, sauna, massage rooms and an outdoor Jacuzzi tub.

Enjoy a sensory experience with our tailor-made body treatments, selected to enhance your vitality and restore your internal balance.



Swimming Pools

For peace & tranquility seekers, our 2 palm-lined infinity pools, with the panoramic infinity view of the eternal Qaroun lake, complements the picturesque scenery drawn by the rural portrait / settings of the resort.



Nearby Activities

Discover another dimension of nature with Lazib Inn’s resident birdwatcher, trot through the waters of the lake on the horseback, witness sunset from a felucca, hike through the sand dunes of Wadi Al Rayan or simply bask in the profound silence of the oasis at sunrise.

A 4X4 ride through an otherworldly open desert landscape leads you to Madinet Madi, a labyrinth of fascinating, well-preserved Pharaonic temples from the late Greco-Roman period. A little further, Wadi Al Hitan, with its surreal array of whale skeletons rising from the sands.

Bird Watching

The oasis of Fayoum is one of the most important bird watching locations in Egypt. Birdwatchers visit it mainly for water and agricultural birds, and to a lesser extent for desert birds. It is a vital spot for water birds in winter and as a staging area during migration.

Safari

Explore the Egyptian Desert at its best when you visit Fayoum. Enthusiasts can explore and discover this breathtaking terrain whilst enjoying stylish hospitality and comfort.



Wadi El Rayan

A natural world cultural heritage site from ancient civilizations, unique with its spectacular sand dunes, desert landscapes and rock formation. The two lakes, waterfalls and a spring oasis contain rare wildlife, numerous bird & fish species and fossils of creatures from the past.



Wadi El Hitan

Home to Valley of the Whales as well as desert landscapes. Originally, the area was an ocean bed where a huge number of whale skeletons rose from the sand. Wadi El Hitan is one of the largest open-air museum, **designated by UNESCO as "World Heritage Site",** where hundreds of fossils of the earliest forms of whales are displayed.



Madinet Madi

Situated about 30 kms away from Fayoum, on a small hill guarding its southwestern entrance, Madinet Madi, which means "city of the past", was called D3 in Hieroglyphs, while during the Greek period, it was identified as Narmouthis. Its pharaonic temples were built in the 12th dynasty by kings Amenemhat III & IV and restored during the 19th dynasty.

Sightseeing

Madawara mountain lies on the edge of the Sahara Desert. The mountain is surrounded by sculpted sand dunes and limestone formations.

Sailing

Indulge in a relaxing felucca sailing voyage in the famous Qaroun lake, where the shimmering water, the embracing breeze and the golden sun surround you while **contemplating the dramatic setting of God's nature.**



Horseback Riding

Ride through the land of the pharaohs on a magical horseback ride in Fayoum.

Fayoum is a fascinating city with a rich history, embodied not only by its monuments, but also by the oldest recognized horse breed - the Arabians.

Day 8:

Final departure

(B)

Final departure transfer after breakfast from Lazib Inn Resort & Spa hotel to Cairo airport; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you in your flight.



Properties:

VILLA BELLE EPOQUE www.villabelleepoque.com
LAZIB INN RESORT & SPA HOTEL www.lazibinn.com

Services included:

- ❖ Meet & assist at Cairo, Luxor & Aswan Airports by Excel Travel staff
- ❖ Private transfers from / to airports in a/c vehicles as per the itinerary
- ❖ **Private** guided tours to visit all sights mentioned in the itinerary with local guides
- ❖ 2 lunches during the tours in Cairo in an oriental restaurant.
- ❖ Bottled cold water during the tours (one bottle per person / day) in Cairo.
- ❖ Wet Towels during the tours & transfers.
- ❖ Current & new entrance fees applicable as of November 2017,
- ❖ 03 **nights' accommodation** in Cairo on BB bases
- ❖ **04 nights' accommodation** In Fayoum on BB bases at Luxury Suites
- ❖ New entrance fees applicable as of November 2017,
- ❖ All transfers & tours will be conducted with deluxe A/C vehicles (Hyundai H1 or Toyota HIACE)

Not Included

- ❖ Entry visa to Egypt
- ❖ Any item of personal nature like tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc.....
- ❖ Entrance into any of the three Pyramids, the Solar Boat or the Mummies' Room at the Egyptian Museum.





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Classical Egypt program

08 Days / 07 nights Package

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

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Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02 Cairo / full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders. The great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit. Then drive to the hotel to refresh & check out.

Lunch can be served in an oriental/Indian/Chinese restaurant and then drive to the Egyptian Museum for another unforgettable tour.

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After the visit of the museum a short drive through the downtown will take you to Khan El Khalili bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area.

Drive back to your hotel & overnight in Cairo

Optional tour can be booked to enjoy the spectacular sound & light show by the Pyramids



: Cairo – Luxor - Cruise

Breakfast in the hotel, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Meet & assist, and transfer to the Nile cruise

- 11:00 Check-In
- 12:30 Lunch on board
- 15:00 Visit East Bank (Karnak & Luxor Temples)
- 20:00 Dinner on board & overnight in Luxor

Day 04: Luxor – Esna - Edfu

- 06:00 Breakfast on board
- 07:00 Visit West Bank - Valley of the Kings, and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.
- 13:00 Lunch on board
- 13:00 Sailing to Edfu via Esna
- 20:00 Dinner on board & overnight in Edfu.

Day 05: Edfu – Kom Ombo - Aswan

- 07:00 Breakfast on board
- 08:00 Visit Horus Temple in Edfu
- 10:00 Sailing to Kom Ombo
- 12:30 Lunch on board
- 15:30 Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek & Haeroris in Kom Ombo
- 17:00 Sailing to Aswan
- 19:30 Dinner on board & overnight in Aswan

Day 06: Aswan

- 07:00 Breakfast on board
- 08:00 Visit the High Dam, the Temple of Philae
- 12:30 Lunch on board
- 15:00 Felucca on the Nile around Kitchener island
- 19:30 Dinner on board & overnight in Aswan

Day 05: Aswan - Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan or Aswan airport for a flight takes you to Cairo. Transfer from Cairo airport to the hotel

Overnight in Cairo

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour can be booked to enjoy your dinner & Cairo by night while cruising the Nile & watching the folkloric show.

Day 08: Cairo – Final Departure

Breakfast in the hotel, and check out

Transfer to Cairo international airport for your final flight back home



Properties:

Oasis hotel www.oasis.com.eg

Grand Pyramids hotel www.grandpyramidshotel.com

Barcelo Cairo Pyramids hotel www.barcelo.com or Mercure Le Sphinx www.mercure.com

Le Meridien Pyramids or similar 5* hotel in Cairo www.lemeridien.com

Services included:

- ❖ Meet & assist at Cairo, Luxor & Aswan Airports.
- ❖ All transfers from / to airports in a/c vehicles
- ❖ Private full day tour to visit the Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian museum & Khan El Khalili bazaars
- ❖ Bottled cold water during the tours (one bottle per person / day) in Cairo.
- ❖ Wet Towels during the tours & transfers.
- ❖ Current & new entrance fees applicable as of November 2017,
- ❖ 03 nights' **accommodation in** Cairo based on BB
- ❖ 04 **nights' accommodation onboard** 5* Nile cruise like based on FB (food only & no beverages)
5* Nile cruise like Radamis II or similar www.radamis.net but it is under updating so kindly check the following link https://www.facebook.com/search/str/radamis+floating+hotels/keywords_top
- ❖ Private cruise sightseeing with English speaking guide to visit:
 - In Aswan; Philae Temple, unfinished obelisk, High Dam & felucca sailing
 - While sailing: visit Edfu and Kom Ombo temples
 - In Luxor: The Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple, the Colossi of Memnon on the West Bank. Karnak and Luxor temples on the west bank

Not Included:

- ❖ Entry visa to Egypt
- ❖ Any item of personal nature like tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc....
- ❖ Entrance to any of the three Pyramids, the Solar Boat or the Mummies' Room at the Egyptian Museum.
- ❖ Domestic or international airfares





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10 Days / 09 **nights' package**

Cruise the Nile in style & privacy

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, Excel Travel representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process. Modern air-conditioned coaches take you to your hotel in Cairo. Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in.

Dinner & overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02 Cairo / full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders The great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.

Lunch can be served in an oriental restaurant & then drive to the Egyptian Museum for another unforgettable tour.

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After the visit of the museum a short drive through the downtown will take you to Khan El Khalili bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area (Few years ago, Naguib Mahfouz himself used to come and sit beneath the huge, ageing and discolored mirrors of the café). The Bazaars is always a part of most of the tourist programs as the tourists find it a great fun with bargaining experience to buy some souvenirs. The bazaar is the domain of shopkeepers and tourists. Jewelers, items made from copper, parquetry boxes, semi-precious stones, rugs, blown-glass dishes and other souvenirs.

Drive back to your hotel

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour can be booked to enjoy the spectacular sound & light show by the Pyramids

Overnight in Cairo



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Day 03 Luxor –Dahabeya

Breakfast at the hotel (Check-out after breakfast)

Transfer to Cairo Airport for flying to Luxor. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your cruise. Embarkation in Luxor for a relaxing week sailing the Nile on a luxuriously appointed Dahabeya

Day 3 -10 On board the Dahabeyafor 07 nights on full board bases from Luxor to Aswan or vice versa whereby guided tours will be conducted to visit the major sites as per itinerary hereunder





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Day 10 Aswan – Cairo – Final departure

Breakfast aboard the Dahabeya followed by disembarkation, transfer to Aswan/Luxor airport for a flight back to Cairo to connect with your international flight

Properties:

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza <http://www.fourseasons.com/caironp>

Sonesta Dahabeya or similar www.sonesta.com

Services Included:

- ❖ Meet and Assist at the airports
- ❖ All transferred as per itinerary (4 in Cairo + 1 in Aswan & 1 in Luxor)
- ❖ Full day visit to Pyramids of Giza, Egyptian museum and Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- ❖ 02 **nights' accommodation** in Cairo on BB Basis
- ❖ 07 nights onboard the Sonesta Dahabeya on FB Basis with shared shore sightseeing as per enclosed itinerary.

Not Included:

- ❖ Any item of personal nature like tips, laundry, telephone calls, beverages,
- ❖ Visit of any of the Pyramids of Giza from inside.
- ❖ Visit to Mummies room in Egyptian Museum.
- ❖ Any other services except mentioned under price includes.





[Itineraries \(2018\)](#)

LUXOR to ASWAN Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday

Embarkation in Luxor for a relaxing week sailing the Nile on a luxuriously appointed Dahabiyya. After lunch, excursion to visit the magnificent temple complex of Amon-Ra at Karnak, with its vast hypostyle hall of 137 columns, followed by the imposing 28TH, Dynasty Luxor Temple. Overnight moored on the Nile banks of Luxor.

Day 2: Sunday

You will visit the West Bank for visits to the burial places of the Pharaohs - the Valley of the Kings - where Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen in 1922. Continue to the adjacent Valley of the Queens, the temple of Medinet Habu and the Colossi of Memnon.
- Sail on the way to ESNA (noon time)
Overnight nearby ESNA.

Day 3: Monday

Today will be a leisurely day. After breakfast, commence sailing
Overnight moored beside a Nile island.

Day 4: Tuesday

This morning you will sail to Edfu to visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Edfu.
Overnight moored beside a Nile island.

Day 5: Wednesday

Today you will sail on the way to Kom Ombo Overnight moored beside a Nile island.

Day 6: Thursday

Visit KOM OMBO to see the Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus, god of the morning sun. A leisurely sailing to Aswan and moored nearby Aswan Bridge.

Day 7: Friday

Today you will visit the Aswan High Dam (completed in 1971); the Old Dam (completed in 1902). You will also visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, a structure rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser at the time of the High Dam's construction.

Day 8: Saturday

Breakfast aboard the Dahabiyya followed by disembarkation



ASWAN to LUXOR Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday

Embarkation in Aswan for a relaxing week sailing the Nile on a luxuriously appointed Dahabiyya. Overnight, the ship moors on the Nile banks of Aswan.

Day 2: Sunday

Today you will visit the Aswan High Dam (completed in 1971); the Old Dam (completed in 1902). You will also visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, a structure rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser at the time of the High Dam's construction. Sail on the way to KOM OMBO (noon time) Overnight nearby KOM OMBO.

Day 3: Monday

Sail to Kom Ombo to see the Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus, god of the morning sun. Overnight moored beside a Nile island.

Day 4: Tuesday

This morning you will sail to Edfu to visit the wonderfully preserved Temple of Edfu. Overnight moored beside an island.

Day 5: Wednesday

Today will be a leisurely day. After breakfast, commence sailing to Esna, and passing the lock, then Dahabiyya will moor beside a Nile island.

Day 6: Thursday

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Excursion to the West Bank to visit the great burial places of the Pharaohs - the Valley of the Kings - where Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen in 1922. Continue to the adjacent Valley of the Queens, Medinet Habu Temple and the Colossi of Memnon.

Day 8: Saturday

Breakfast aboard the Dahabiyya followed by disembarkation.



Explore Cairo

04 Days / 03 nights Package

Day 01: Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, Excel Travel representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process and airport customs & formalities. You will be escorted immediately to your hotel by Excel modern air-conditioned coaches.

Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in.

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02: Half day Pyramids & Sphinx

Breakfast we start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders the great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

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Lunch can be served at an oriental restaurant

Afternoon at leisure or you may book an optional tour to explore ancient Egypt with a visit to Memphis a museum embraces the famous statues of Ramses & Sakkara which includes the step pyramid Explore some of the mysteries with your knowledgeable Egyptologist.

Evening optional tour to the spectacular sound & light show by the Sphinx

Back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo





Day 03: Half Day National Museum & Bazaars

Breakfast at the hotel then start tour to visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities

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Lunch can be served at an oriental/Indian/oriental/Chinese/Thai restaurant

Afternoon at leisure or book an optional tour to visit the Citadel, the medieval fortress of Salah-El-Din and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali



Your reward for buying the optional will be a complementary visit of Khan El Khalili bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area (Few years ago, Naguib Mahfouz himself used to come and sit beneath the huge, ageing and discolored mirrors of the café). The Bazaars is always a part of most of the tourist programs as the tourists find it a great fun with bargaining experience to buy some souvenirs. The bazaar is the domain of shopkeepers and tourists. Jewelers, items made from copper, parquetry boxes, semi-precious stones, rugs, blown-glass dishes and other souvenirs. Drive back to your hotel

Evening optional tour to enjoy your dinner while cruising the Nile at night with spectacular panoramic view & folkloric shows.

Overnight in Cairo

Day 04: Cairo – Final Departure

Breakfast in the hotel, and check out

Transfer to Cairo airport for your final flight back home.



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Properties:

Oasis hotel www.oasis.com.eg

Grand Pyramids hotel www.grandpyramidshotel.com

Barcelo Cairo Pyramids hotel www.barcelo.com

Mercure Le Sphinx www.mercure.com

Le Meridien Pyramids or similar 5* hotel in Cairo www.lemeridien.com

Services included:

- ❖ Meet & assist at Cairo Airport upon arrival & departure
- ❖ Round trip transfer from / to the airport in a/c vehicles
- ❖ Private half day guided tour to the Pyramids & Sphinx area
- ❖ Private half day guided tour to the Egyptian Museum
- ❖ English/French/Spanish/German/Italian speaking guide during tours.
- ❖ Current entrance fees
- ❖ 03 nights' accommodation in Cairo based on BB bases.

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Explore Egypt program

07 Days / 06 nights Package

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

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Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02 Cairo / full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili

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Drive back to your hotel

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour can be booked to enjoy the spectacular sound & light show by the Pyramids

Overnight in Cairo



Day 03: Cairo – Aswan - Cruise

Breakfast in the hotel, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Aswan.
Meet & assist upon arrival & transfer to the Nile cruise

- 11:00 Check-In
- 12:30 Lunch on board
- 13:30 Visit the High Dam, the Temple of Philae
- 19:30 Dinner on board & overnight in Aswan

Day 04: Aswan – Kom Embo - Edfu

- 07:00 Breakfast on board
- 12:30 Lunch on board
- 13:00 Sailing to Kom Ombo
- 17:00 Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek & Haeroris in Kom Ombo
- 18:30 Sailing to Edfu.
- 19:30 Dinner on board & overnight in Edfu.

Day 05: Edfu – Esna - Luxor

- 06:00 Tea and Coffee Before the visit of Edfu temple
- 06:30 Visit of Horus Temple in Edfu.
- 08:00 Breakfast on board.
- 08:30 sailing to Luxor via Esna
- 13:00 Lunch on board.
- 16:00 Optional visit of East Bank (Karnak & Luxor Temples)
- 20:00 Dinner on board & overnight in Luxor.

Day 06: West bank Luxor - Cairo

- 07:00 Breakfast on board
- 08:00 Check- out after breakfast
- 08:00 Visit West Bank - Valley of the Kings, and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

Transfer to Luxor airport for a flight takes you to Cairo
Transfer from Cairo airport to the hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour can be booked to enjoy your dinner & Cairo by night while cruising the Nile & watching the folkloric show.

Alternatively, you can fly to Sharm El Sheikh or drive to Hurghada or a Red Sea resort to extend your holiday for couple of nights to enjoy the Red Sea crystal water & beaches. Then fly to Cairo after the extension

Day 07: Cairo – Final Departure

Breakfast in the hotel, and check out
Transfer to Cairo international airport for your final flight back home



Properties:

Oasis hotel www.oasis.com.eg

Grand Pyramids hotel www.grandpyramidshotel.com

Barcelo Cairo Pyramids hotel www.barcelo.com

Mercure Le Sphinx www.mercure.com

Le Meridien Pyramids or similar 5* hotel in Cairo www.lemeridien.com

Services included:

- ❖ Meet & assist at Cairo Airport upon arrival & departure
- ❖ Round trip transfer from / to the airport in a/c vehicles
- ❖ Private half day guided tour to the Pyramids & Sphinx area
- ❖ Private half day guided tour to the Egyptian Museum
- ❖ English/French/Spanish/German/Italian speaking guide during tours.
- ❖ Current entrance fees
- ❖ 03 nights' **accommodation** in Cairo based on BB bases.

Not Included:

- ❖ Entry visa to Egypt
- ❖ **Any item of personal nature** like tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc....
- ❖ Entrance into any of the 3 Pyramids, the Solar Boat or the Mummies' Room at the Egyptian Museum.





Classical Egypt program

09 Days / 08 nights Package

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

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Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02: Pyramids, Sphinx, Sphinx, Memphis & Sakara

Breakfast we start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders **the great Pyramids of Giza;** (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. **The Cheops Pyramid** is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the **Great Sphinx** of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.



Lunch can be served at an oriental restaurant
Afternoon tour to explore ancient Egypt with a visit to Memphis a museum embraces the famous statues of Ramses & Sakkara which includes the step pyramid Explore some of the mysteries with your knowledgeable Egyptologist.



Evening optional tour to the spectacular sound & light show by the Sphinx

Back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo

Day 03: Cairo – Luxor or Aswan

Breakfast in the hotel, check out

Escorted transfer to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor or to Aswan to board the Oberoi Philae Cruiser for a relaxing tour through the history for 5 days as per the Nile cruise itineraries shown hereunder



Day 07: Aswan or Luxor – Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan or Luxor airport for a flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, Excel Travel representative will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 08: The Egyptian Museum, the Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaars

Breakfast at the hotel then start tour to visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities

Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120,000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor houses small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also comprises of a photography section and large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven king and queens.



Lunch can be served at an oriental/Indian/oriental/Chinese/Thai restaurant

Afternoon tour to visit the Citadel, the medieval fortress of Salah-El-Din and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali

Your reward for buying the optional will be a complementary visit of **Khan El Khalili bazaars;** which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The Bazaars is always a part of most of the tourist programs as the tourists find it a great fun with bargaining experience to buy some souvenirs. The bazaar is the domain of shopkeepers and tourists. Jewelers, items made from copper, parquetry boxes, semi-precious stones, rugs, blown-glass dishes and other souvenirs. Drive back to your hotel



Evening **optional tour** to enjoy your dinner while cruising the Nile at night with spectacular panoramic view & folkloric shows.

Overnight in Cairo

Day 09: Final departure

Final departure transfers after breakfast from the hotel; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you in your flight



Properties:

Four Seasons Nile Plaza hotel in Cairo www.fourseasons.com

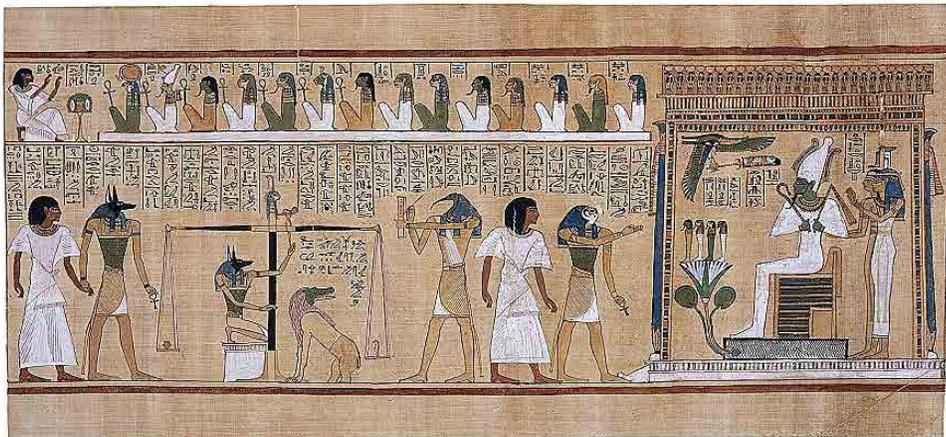
Oberoi Philae Nile cruiser <https://www.oberoihotels.com/nile-cruise-philae/gallery>

Services Included:

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- Private transfers from / to airports by **Mercedes E class** as per the itinerary
- **2 days private** guided tours to the Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara, the museum and the bazaars by **Mercedes E class**
- 04 nights' accommodation in Cairo on BB bases
- 04 nights' accommodation onboard on the Nile cruise based on FB (food only & no beverage)
- Spanish guide during tours
- **Shared** cruise sightseeing with English speaking guide to visit the sites as per the itineraries shown hereunder
- New entrance fees applicable as of 1 November 2017.
- VIP amenities during transfers and tours in Cairo.
- WI FI in the car during tours in Cairo.
- Supplement 375 USD p/p in double & 585 USD p/p in single for Christmas, New Year & Easter tours.

Not included:

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- Any item of personal nature like tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc.....
- Entrance into any of the three Pyramids, the Solar Boat or the Mummies' Room at the Egyptian Museum.
- Domestic airfares



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Oberoi Philae - four Nights

Embarkation Luxor to Aswan

Day 01

12:00 noon – Embarkation
12:30 Lunch
15:00 Visit Karnak and Luxor temple
17:00 Tea at club Lounge
19:00 cocktail reception
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Luxor

Day 02

05:00 Breakfast
06:00 Visit West bank valley of kings, king Tut's tomb, Ramses "the six", Dier Elmadina, Habu and colossus of Memnon.
12:00 Sail to Essna
12:30 Lunch - Cross the Essna Lock.
17:00 Tea at club Lounge
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Essna

Day 3

05:00 Sail to Edfu
07:30 Breakfast
10:00 Visit the Temple of Edfu,
12:00 Sail to Kom ombo
13:00 Lunch
17:00 Tea at club Lounge
18:00 Visit the twin temple of Kom ombo.
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Kom Ombo

Day 4

05:00 Sail to Aswan
07:30 Breakfast
09:00 Visit the High Dam and Philae temple
12:30 Lunch
16:00 Visit Nubian Museum by motor boat
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Aswan

Day 5

07:30 Breakfast
08:00 Disembarkation



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Embarkation Aswan to Luxor

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12:00 noon Embarkation
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16:00 Visit Nubian Museum by motor boat
17:00 Tea at club lounge.
19:00 cocktail reception.
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Aswan

Day 2

07:30 Breakfast
09:00 visit of Philae temple and High Dam
12:00 noon Sail to Komombo
12:30 Lunch
14:30 Visit the twin temple of Komombo.
16:00 Sail to Edfu
17:00 Tea at club lounge.
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Edfu

Day 3

07:30 Breakfast
10:00 Visit the Temple of Edfu,
12:00 Sail to Essna
13:00 Lunch - Cross the Essna Lock Sail to Luxor
17:00 Tea at club lounge.
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Luxor

Day 4

05:00 Breakfast
06:00 Visit West bank valley of kings, king Tut's tomb, Ramses "the six", Dier Elmadina, Habu and colossus of Memnon.
12:30 Lunch
15:00 Visit Luxor and Karank temples
17:00 Tea at club lounge.
19:30 Dinner & Overnight in Luxor

Day 5

07:30 Breakfast
08:00 Disembarkation

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Nile Explorer

10 Days / 09 nights Package

Day by day itinerary

Day 01: Arrival Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, Excel Travel representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process. Modern air-conditioned coaches take you to your hotel in Cairo. Your representative will ensure a smooth hotel check-in.
Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 02: Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara (B, L)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel in Cairo then start a guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders the great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.



Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start afternoon visit to the ancient capital of Memphis & Sakkara where the Step Pyramid was built for the Pharaoh Zoser, is the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back from 2700 BC.



Drive to your hotel in Cairo for refreshment.

Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour to visit the spectacular sound & light show by the pyramids or enjoy dinner while cruise the Nile or enjoy dinner in Sequoia restaurant by the Nile

Overnight in Cairo



Day 03: Museum, Citadel, Khan El Khalili Bazaars (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel, then drive to the Egyptian Museum for unforgettable tour;

Egyptian Museum; was established by the Egyptian government in 1835. The present museum building was built in 1900, in the new classical style by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 120,000 objects ranges from pre-historic era to the Greco Roman period. It has 107 halls, and the ground floor houses huge statues. The upper floor houses small statues, jewels, Tutankhamen treasures and the mummies. The museum also comprises of a photography section and large library. A hall for the Royal Mummies was opened at the museum, housing eleven kings and queens.



Lunch will be served at an oriental restaurant before you start afternoon visit to the Citadel with the towering mosque of Mohamed Ali;

It is one of Cairo's most popular tourist attractions is the Citadel which houses a number of museums, ancient mosques and other sites, located on a spur of limestone that had been detached from its parent Moqattam Hills by quarrying. The Citadel is one of the world's greatest monuments to medieval warfare, as well as a highly visible landmark on Cairo's eastern skyline. Particularly when viewed from the back side (from the north), the Citadel reveals a very medieval character.

After the visit a short drive will take you to the most famous bazaars of Khan El Khalili whereby you have some free time to stroll around the bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. Drive to your hotel in Cairo



Evening at leisure whereby an optional tour to visit the spectacular sound & light show by the pyramids or enjoy dinner while cruise the Nile or enjoy dinner in Sequoia restaurant by the Nile

Day 04: Alexandria full day tour (B, L)

Early breakfast at hotel then drive to Alexandria via the desert road for a full day guided tour to visit the **Bombay's' pillars, Alexandria Bibliotheca, Qaite Bay citadel** from outside & Al Montazah Gardens

Alexandrina Bibliotheca; the New Library of Alexandria, the New Bibliotheca Alexandrina is dedicated to recapture the spirit of openness and scholarship of the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina. It is much more than a library as it contains 13 different departments. Besides, the New Library also hosts a number of institutions which is growing and it is becoming the nerve center of many international and regional networks.





Qaita bay Fort has been guarding the bay for centuries; at the end of the Cornish rises the crenellated walls of the Mameluk fortress built in 1480 on the site of the Alexandria lighthouse



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Montazah Gardens; is about 150-hectare park surrounding the palace of Khedive Abbas with its amazing architecture worth of Walt Disney. Visitors enjoy strolling in the gardens or swimming of the nice sandy beaches.



Lunch will be served during the tour in an oriental restaurant

Drive back to Cairo at the end of the day and overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

Day 05: Cairo – Luxor

(B, L, D)

Breakfast in the hotel, check out
Escorted transfer to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor
Meet & assist at Luxor airport and transfer to the Nile cruise in Luxor Embarkation before
Afternoon guided tour to visit the Karnak & Luxor temples on the East bank

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major expansion effort took place under Ramses II some 100 years after the first stones were put in place. Luxor is thus unique among the main Egyptian temple complexes in having only two pharaohs leave their mark on its architectural structure

Dinner onboard
Dancing music
Overnight in Luxor

Day 06: Luxor – Esna - Edfu (B, L, D)

Breakfast onboard
Guided tour to visit the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut temple at El Dier El Bahary and colossi of Memnon at the west bank

Valley of Kings: was a magnificent burial ground for the pharaohs - the Valley of the Kings. This was the kingdom of Osiris, god of the underworld. From their grand tombs filled with treasures and decorated with magnificent art, the Egyptian pharaohs believed they would embark on a journey in which they would meet the gods in the afterlife and achieve immortality.

After that visit the Hatshepsut Temple: is one of the most dramatically situated in the world. The queen's architect, Senenmut, designed it and set it at the head of a valley, throughout the temple, statues and sphinxes of the queen proliferated. Many of them have been reconstructed, with patience and ingenuity, from the thousands of smashed fragments found by the excavators; some are now in the Cairo Museum, and others the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.



Colossi of Memnon: You will pass by the two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. For 3,400 years, they have sat in the Theban necropolis, across the River Nile from the city of Luxor
Lunch onboard

Sail to Edfu via Esna
Afternoon tea
Captain's welcome cocktail
Dinner onboard
Disco & Music
Overnight



Day 07: Edfu – Kom Embo - Aswan

(B, L, D)

Breakfast on board

Guided tour to visit the temple of Horus at Edfu the town is known for the major Ptolemaic temple, built between 237 BCE and 57 BCE, into the reign of Cleopatra VII. Of all the temple remains in Egypt, the Temple of Horus at Edfu is the most completely preserved. Built from sandstone blocks, the huge Ptolemaic temple was constructed over the site of a smaller New Kingdom temple, oriented east to west, facing towards the river. The later structure faces north to south and leaves the ruined remains of the older temple pylon to be seen on the east side of the first court.



Lunch on board & sail to Kom Ombo

Visit Kom Ombo Temple actually it is two temples consisting of a Temple to Sobek and a Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the river bank near here, the Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings, everything is duplicated along the main axis. There are two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries. There were probably even two sets of priests. The left, or northern side is dedicated to Haroeris (sometimes called Harer, Horus the Elder) who was the falcon headed sky god and the right to Sobek (the crocodile headed god).



Afternoon tea

Dinner on board

Egyptian Galabeya Party

Sail to Aswan & overnight in Aswan

Day 08: Aswan

(B, L, D)

Breakfast on board

Guided tour to visit the High Dam, the unfinished obelisk and Philae temple.

The High dam an engineering miracle built in 1960 protecting Egypt from annual floods from the Nile

Proceed to visit the majestic Philae Temple because of the location of the Temple on an island, we have to take a boat to get to the site, since early century, the site of Philae was flooded for six months each year, an incredible restoration program was undertaken in the 1960s, and the Temple was moved stone by stone to a higher elevation.





The unfinished Obelisk: is the largest known ancient obelisk and is located in the northern region of the stone quarries of ancient Egypt in Aswan, Egypt. It was ordered by Hatshepsut (1508–1458 BC), possibly to complement the Lateran Obelisk (which was originally at Karnak, and was later brought to the Lateran Palace in Rome). It is nearly one third larger than any ancient Egyptian obelisk ever erected. If finished it would have measured around 42 m (approximately 137 feet) and would have weighed nearly 1,200 tons

Lunch on board

Sail on the Nile by felucca around Kitchener’s Island and view the Agha Khan mausoleum

Dinner on board - Night entertainment (Nubian Show)

Overnight in Aswan

Day 09: Aswan – Cairo (B, L, D)

Disembarkation after breakfast, and transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, Excel Travel representative will welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure

Alternatively – for those who wish to opt for unforgettable tour to Abu Simble;

Early breakfast and disembarkation, and then transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Abu simble upon arrival to Abu simble you will be transferred by Egypt air buses to the great temples of Ramses II & his beloved Nefertari whereby the guides will be waiting to show you around in groups. Transfer back to the airport by Egypt air buses to board the flight to Cairo via Aswan.



A Farwell dinner can be offered at a special restaurant or in the hotel
Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 10: Final departure (B)

Final departure transfer after breakfast from the hotel; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you in your flight



Properties:

Le Meridien Pyramids or a similar 5* hotel in Cairo www.lemeridien.com

5* superior Nile cruise like Sonesta Moon Goddess www.sonesta.com or Movenpick Royal Lily www.movenpick.com

Services included:

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- ❖ Private transfers from / to airports in a/c vehicles as per the itinerary
- ❖ Private guided tours to visit all sights mentioned in the itinerary with local guides
- ❖ 3 lunches during the tours in Cairo & Alexandria in an oriental restaurant.
- ❖ Bottled cold water during the tours (one bottle per person / day) in Cairo.
- ❖ Wet Towels during the tours & transfers.
- ❖ Current & new entrance fees applicable as of November 2017,
- ❖ **04 nights' accommodation in Cairo on BB bases (F.S.) Premium City View rooms**
- ❖ **04 nights' accommodation onboard** on the Nile cruise based on FB (food only & no beverage)
- ❖ **01 night's accommodation in Cairo on BB bases (S.S.)**
- ❖ Current entrance fees
- ❖ Group sightseeing with a local English speaking guide onboard the Nile cruise as per the above itinerary (cruise itinerary may be slightly changed but we confirm all sights listed)

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- ❖ Domestic airfares (guideline is attached)





Royal Hotels of Egypt

09 Days / 08 Nights Package

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

Arrive in Cairo where you are met and greeted by Excel Travel coordinator and transferred to your historic hotel with fantastic views of the pyramids. Overnight at the Mena House Hotel.

Day 02 Cairo / full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili (B)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders **The great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus)** were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. **The Cheops Pyramid** is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the **Great Sphinx** of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.



Lunch can be served in an oriental restaurant & then drive to the Egyptian Museum for another unforgettable tour.

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Short drive to **Khan El Khalili bazaars;** which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes (Few years ago, Naguib Mahfouz used to come and sit beneath the huge, ageing and discolored mirrors of the café).

Evening at leisure at your hotel or enjoy **an optional tour** to the spectacular sound & light show by the Pyramids

Overnight in Cairo



Day 03: Alexandria full day tour

(B, L)

Early breakfast at hotel then drive to Alexandria via the desert road for a full day guided tour to visit the **Bombay's pillars, Alexandrina Bibliotheca, Qaite Bay citadel from outside & Al Montazah Gardens**

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Lunch will be served during the tour in an oriental restaurant

Drive back to Cairo at the end of the day and overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

Day 04: Cairo – Luxor

(B)

Breakfast in the hotel, check out
Escorted transfer to Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor
Meet & assist at Luxor airport and transfer to the Sofitel Old Winter hotel in Luxor
Check in at the hotel



Afternoon guided tour to visit the Karnak & Luxor temples on the East bank starts

Karnak temple: to the east bank of Luxor the greatest example of worship in history and was dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu. It was constructed from the beginning of the Middle Kingdom to the Greco Roman Kingdom



Luxor temple: in the East bank during the sunset it is a great temple complex in modern Luxor dedicated to Amun, a creator god often fused with the sun-god Ra into Amun-Ra, construction work on the temple began during the reign of Amenhotep III in the 14th century BC. Horemheb and Tutankhamun added columns, statues, and friezes, and Akhenaten had earlier obliterated his father's cartouches and installed a shrine to the Aten, However, the only major expansion effort took place under Ramses II some 100 years after the first stones were put in place. Luxor is thus unique among the main Egyptian temple complexes in having only two pharaohs leave their mark on its architectural structure



Drive back to the hotel.

Overnight in Luxor

Day 05: West Bank

(B)

Early guided tour to visit the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut temple at El Dier El Bahary and colossi of Memnon at the west bank

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Colossi of Memnon: You will pass by the two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. For 3,400 years, they have sat in the Theban necropolis, across the River Nile from the city of Luxor Drive back to the hotel and overnight in Luxor.



Day 06 Edfu - Kom Embo

(B)

Early pick up from the hotel after breakfast. Check out then, drive to Edfu to visit the temple as it was built during the Greco-Roman Period, but the builders painstakingly preserved the form of **Egypt's true pharaohs**. As a result, a visit to Edfu allows you to see what all of the other ruined temples around Egypt might have looked like had they been built 2000 years later.



The Temple of Horus is located in the center of the town of Edfu. By the 19th century, the village extended into the temple with some houses actually standing on the roof of the sand-filled temple. Now the buildings have been cleared away, but the excavation is still very evident since the surrounding buildings look down into the temple complex, which is several meters below

the modern ground level.

The temple is very complete, including a pylon that was built by Cleopatra's father in the first century BC, which leads into a peristyle court and then a hypostyle hall that precedes the sanctuary of Horus, the ultimate and most important part of the temple. All of this replicates the standard layout of a New Kingdom pylon temple, the ruins of which can be seen at many other sights around Luxor and along the Nile Valley. The Temple of Horus at Edfu is by far the most complete example of this architectural style.



After the visit, drive to Kom Ombo to visit the temple for an hour. Kom Ombo dates from the Ptolomaic Dynasty and it was only completed under Roman rule. The temple has a dual dedication to Sobek, as well as Horus, and the plan of the temple reflects this dual purpose.

It is a symmetrical mirror of itself along its main axis with one half devoted to each of the two gods it honors. Like at Esna, the pylon entrance to the temples is no longer standing, leaving the hypostyle hall as the main feature that visitors see today. Also on the grounds of the temple is the Crocodile Museum, which has a display over crocodile mummies.

Drive from Kom Ombo to Aswan. Check in at the Sofitel old Cataract Aswan.

Overnight in Aswan.

Day 07 Aswan visits

(B)

Early pick up from the hotel after breakfast then, you will meet Excel Travel coordinator in the hotel lobby at the agreed time. He will introduce you to the professional guide who will accompany you to visit; the temple of Philae, dedicated to goddess Isis and located in a beautiful setting, landscaped to match the original site of the temple when it was relocated by UNESCO after the building of the Aswan Dam threatened the site. It has several shrines **and sanctuaries such as Trajan's**



Kiosk or Pharaoh's Bed. The ancient island of Philae was a sacred center for the cult of Isis and the location of a great temple complex now known as Philea Temple. Philea Island was flooded and



eventually became fully submerged after the creation of the Aswan Dam and Lake Nasser. The flooding prompted the UNESCO initiative to preserve the magnificent Temple of Philea. It was dismantled and relocated to Agilkia Island, which was renamed Philea Island. You will reach the island by a motor boat. A short drive will take us to the impressive High Dam which is located 13 km south of Aswan. The Dam is 3600 meters long, 980 meters thick at base and 111 meters tall (at its highest point). It provides irrigation water and electricity for the whole of Egypt. The waters of Lake Nasser which is the world's largest man-made lake, have amassed behind it. It is a real overwhelming sightseeing experience. Back to our vehicle to continue to the Unfinished Obelisk - the heaviest monolith found in Egypt. About 42 meters long and weighing an estimated 1168 tons, the obelisk would have been the largest piece of Egyptian masonry had it been completed. The obelisk was probably left unfinished after it cracked at the middle. It is still attached to the parent rock in the Northern Quarries, where the Ancient Egyptians used to quarry granite. The Tour will last about 4 hours



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A Farwell dinner can be offered at a special restaurant or in the hotel

Overnight at the hotel in Cairo

Day 09: Final departure

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Final departure transfers after breakfast from the hotel; Excel Travel representative will escort you, check you in your flight



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Royal Hotels of Egypt With Unique sailing the Nile on Feddya For 10 days

Amongst the comfortable hotels of Egypt, there is seldom much character - most have been built within the last few decades by international chains, and so have little local flavor. However, there are few noticeable exceptions. The Mena House is a grand former hunting lodge and has a superb location beneath the pyramids, and the Old Cataract is in a similar vein, built by a former ruler in wonderful Moorish style right next to the prettiest section of the Nile in Aswan. Sofitel Old Winter Palace, in Luxor, the Victorian – Style hotel was built in 1886. It is located on the banks of the Nile in the heart of a tropical garden close to the temple of Luxor. Sailing the Nile in privacy onboard a Feddya sailing boat was the missing part to complete the unique experience which came true by building Movenpick Feddya.

Mena House: www.menahousehotel.com

This Palatial hotel overlooks the Great Pyramids of Giza. The Mena House used to be a Royal Lodge for Khedive Ismail and was used as a rest house for himself and his accompanying guests when they used to hunt or go visit the Pyramids. It was sold to the Heads -an English couple- who then sold it a couple of years after to another English couple "The Locke-Kings" who in turn enlarged it and wanted to turn it into a luxurious hotel. They called it Mena Hotel. And in 1887 the hotel received its first guests.



Sofitel Old Cataract Aswan:

<http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-1666-sofitel-legend-old-cataract-aswan/index.shtml>

This 19th century Victorian palace will revive your soul. Dating back to 1899, Old Cataract's very name was inspired by the marriage of the river and the granite wall that forms the first cataract of the Nile. Live the Legend at Sofitel Old Cataract Aswan a luxury 5-star hotel in a 19th-century Victorian palace on the banks of the river Nile. Rising grandly from a pink granite shelf at the edge of the Nubian Desert with views of Elephantine Island this stylish property blends Pharaonic treasures with French art de reservoir. Discover sophisticated interiors by Sybille de Margerie in the historic Palace a world of Moorish arches ruby red chandeliers plush Persian carpets soft armchairs and hand-carved furnishings.





Sofitel Old Winter Luxor: www.sofitel.com/Hotel/Luxor

This opulent Luxor hotel blends rich colonial design with the glory of Pharaonic times. In this 19th-century palace once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family Agatha Christie wrote her famed 1937 novel Death on the Nile. Illustrious dignitaries - from presidents and politicians to artists and celebrities - have stayed in these Luxor hotels sumptuous suites overlooking the Valley of the Kings. Archaeologist Howard Carter, discoverer of Tutankhamen's tomb, wandered the gardens of this sumptuous hotel in Luxor almost a century ago.



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<https://www.movenpick.com/en/africa/egypt/cruise/cruise-feddya/overview/>

The Mövenpick SB Feddya is a boutique sailboat sailing the river Nile between Luxor and Aswan, offering fantastic shore excursions to explore the ancient Egyptian wonders. With only four suites onboard the Feddya, it is the closest experience to having your own private yacht - an exclusive and new concept for cruising the river Nile.

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Day by day itinerary

Day 01 Arrival Cairo

Arrive in Cairo where you are met and greeted by Excel Travel coordinator and transferred to your historic hotel with fantastic views of the pyramids. Overnight at the Mena House Hotel.

Day 02 Cairo / full Day Pyramids, Museum, Khan El Khalili

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders **The great Pyramids of Giza; (Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus)** were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. **The Cheops Pyramid** is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the **Great Sphinx** of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit.



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Short drive to **Khan El Khalili bazaars;** which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes (Few years ago, Naguib Mahfouz used to come and sit beneath the huge, ageing and discolored mirrors of the café).

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Day 03: Cairo – Luxor

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Meet & assist at Luxor airport and transfer to the Sofitel Old Winter hotel in Luxor
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Overnight in Luxor

Day 04: Luxor sightseeing (B, D) (Tue)

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Colossi of Memnon: You will pass by the two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. For 3,400 years, they have sat in the Theban necropolis, across the River Nile from the city of Luxor



Back to the hotel for refreshment & check out and then guided tour to visit the Karnak & Luxor temples on the East bank starts

Karnak temple: to the east bank of Luxor the greatest example of worship in history and was dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu. It was constructed from the beginning of the Middle Kingdom to the Greco Roman Kingdom

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Transfer to the jetty to board the Movenpick Feddya for a unique experience. Overnight in Luxor



Day 05:

(B, L, D)

06:00 About 7 hours sailing to reach Esna and enjoy the experience of going through the barrage.
14:00 Continue sailing up the river for 4 hours to El Hegz Island where we will dock for the night.

Day 06:

(B, L, D)

06:00 Sail from the west bank to the east bank where the monuments of El Kab is.
07:00 Visit the temples of Thoth and Nekhbet at El Kab.
10:00 about 3 hours sailing will take us to Edfu whereby we will visit horus temple.
12:00 Lunch on board.
13:00 Arrive Edfu & visit Edfu Temple.
15:00 Return to the boat then sail to Ramadi Village.
19:00 Arrive Ramadi Village & Overnight.

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Day 07:

(B, L, D)

06:00 Early sailing for 2 hours to Gabal El Selsela.
08:00 Arrive Gabal El Selsela & Visit.
10:00 Sail for 3 hours to Kom Ombo.
13:30 Arrive Kom Ombo & Visit Kom Ombo Temple.
15:30 Return to the boat for Lunch Then Sail to ElShakh Fadl island.
18:00 Arrive El Shakh Fadl island & Overnight.

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Day 08:

(B, L)

06:00 Sail to Aswan (04 hours sailing).
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The High dam an engineering miracle built in 1960 protecting Egypt from annual floods from the Nile

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Dinner onboard
Dancing music
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Lunch onboard

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Afternoon tea

Captain's welcome cocktail

Dinner onboard

Disco & Music

Overnight

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(B, L, D)

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